

# MAINE ELVER HARVESTERS

## PLEASE BE AWARE

The following changes to the laws for the elver fishery are now in effect, March 29, 2012.

- **Closed periods** for the elver fishery are now:
  - Tuesday noon to Wednesday noon, **and**
  - Saturday noon to Sunday noon.
- **Fines and penalties** for elver offenses have been increased substantially:
  - **Molesting elver gear.** First offense: \$2000 fine, and a mandatory 3-year suspension. Second offense: \$2000 fine, and permanent revocation of the elver license.
  - **Untagged elver gear.** First offense: \$2000 fine, and a mandatory 1-year suspension. Second offense: \$2000 fine, and permanent revocation of the elver license.
  - **Fishing during the closed season or fishing during a closed period.** First offense: mandatory 1-year suspension. Second offense: permanent revocation of the elver license.
  - **Fishing without a license.** First offense: \$2000 fine, and loss of eligibility for the elver license lottery for 1 year. Second offense: \$2000 fine, permanent loss of eligibility for the lottery, and becomes a criminal offense, which could result in jail time.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT IF YOU HAVE EXISTING ELVER VIOLATIONS ON YOUR RECORD, THESE VIOLATIONS WILL COUNT AS YOUR FIRST OFFENSE. IF YOU ARE CONVICTED OF ANOTHER ELVER VIOLATION DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS SEASON, IT WILL COUNT AS YOUR SECOND OFFENSE. **THIS MEANS THAT YOUR LICENSE WILL BE PERMANENTLY REVOKED.**

**Questions? Division 1: 633-9595, Division 2: 667-3373,  
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